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MAJOR PROGRAMME I. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY, DISARMAMENT AND DECOLONIZATION

Programme 5. Question of Palestine

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/PPBME Rules/1(1987)).

2. Regulation 3.11 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions proposed below modify the relevant parts of the narrative of programme 5, Question of Palestine, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and issued in document A/45/6/Rev.1. The revisions do not reflect a fundamental change in the mandate, orientation and strategy of the programme. Rather, at the level of general orientation and overall strategy, they incorporate certain changes to reflect the most recent resolutions of the General Assembly. They also reflect organizational changes arising from the

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* After adoption by the General Assembly, at its forty-seventh session, the complete revised medium-term plan will be issued in final printed form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/47/6/Rev.1).

reorganization of the Secretariat. Following the abolition of the Office for Political and General Assembly Affairs, activities previously undertaken by the Office under major programme 1, Maintenance of peace and security, disarmament and decolonization, are now being carried out by the Department of Political Affairs. The revisions have not been reviewed by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People.

4. The following text modifies paragraphs 5.2, 5.5, 5.7 to 5.9 and 5.11 to 5.13 of A/45/6/Rev.1.

A. Programme

5. It is proposed to replace "Office of Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services" and "Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs and Secretariat Services" with "Department of Political Affairs" throughout the text of the programme.

1. General orientation

Paragraph 5.2 Replace the penultimate sentence with the following:

"Most recently, in its resolution 46/75 of 11 December 1991, the Assembly considered that the convening of an International Peace Conference on the Middle East, under the auspices of the United Nations, with the participation of all parties to the conflict, including the Palestine Liberation Organization, on an equal footing, and the five permanent members of the Security Council, based on Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 and 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973 and the legitimate national rights of the Palestinian people, primarily the right to self-determination, would contribute to the promotion of peace in the region; reaffirmed principles for the achievement of comprehensive peace; and requested the Secretary-General to continue his efforts with the parties concerned, and in consultation with the Security Council, for the promotion of peace in the region, and to submit progress reports on developments in that matter."

In the last sertence, replace "'Good offices and peace-making, peace-keeping, research and the collection of information'" with "'Good offices, preventive diplomacy and peace-making, peace-keeping, research and the collection and analysis of information'".

Paragraph 5.5 Revise the penultimate sentence to read: "The General Assembly, particularly in its most recent resolution 46/76 of 11 December 1991, on the uprising (intifadah) of the Palestinian people, ..."

Paragraph 5.7 — Replace the last sentence with the following:

"In addition to the mandate outlined in paragraph 5.3 above, the Division is charged with the promotion of maximum publicity for information on the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people and on the efforts of the United Nations to promote the attainment of those rights, heightening international awareness of the facts relating to the question of Palestine and creation of a more favourable atmosphere for the full implementation of the recommendations of the Committee."

2. Overall strategy

Paragraph 5.8 — At the end of paragraph 5.8, replace, "implementation of a public information programme on the subject" with "mobilization of official and public opinion in support of a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement of the question of Palestine in accordance with the relevant United Nations resolutions".

Paragraph 5.9 — In the first sentence, replace "and UNRWA" with ", UNRWA and other organizations, agencies and bodies of the United Nations system".

In the second sentence, delete "also".

Replace the last sentence with the following:

"Coordination and cooperation will also be undertaken with appropriate organizations and bodies outside the United Nations system regarding the question of Palestine."

B. Subprogrammes

Paragraph 5.11 — Replace "resolutions 44/41 A to C and 44/42" with "resolutions 46/74 A to C, 46/75 and 46/76".

Paragraph 5.12 — In the second sentence, replace "to disseminate" with "to mobilize maximum publicity for".

Paragraph 5.13 — In subparagraph (a), replace "resolution 44/42" with "resolution 46/75", and replace "the proposed" with "an".

In subparagraph (d), insert "and non-governmental" after "intergovernmental".

Replace subparagraph (e) with the following:

"To conduct research and prepare studies and other publications relating to the different aspects of the question of Palestine and to make efforts to achieve maximum publicity for such studies and publications through all appropriate means".

In subparagraph (f), replace "commemoration" with "observance".

Add a new subparagraph (g) as follows:

"To establish, maintain and develop a computer-based information system relating to the question of Palestine".